

Critical IT Projects Update Staff Report 20-121

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IT Strategic Pillars

Data

Enable data-driven decision making, utilizing accurate, reliable data from an accessible enterprise platform.

Security

To protect data, people, process and enterprise systems against internal and external threats.

To ensure that AC Transit remains in regulatory compliance.

Resiliency

Ensuring business continuity and service delivery by using reliable, scalable and sustainable information technologies and resources.

Collaboration

Develop and maintain collaborative relationships with business partners.

Customer Focus

Use best-practice methodologies to deliver quality products and services to enhance the customer experience.

Efficiency

Deploy enterprise solutions which helps the District to streamline business processes and meet financial goals.

High Performance Workforce

Recruit, retain and enhance staff skills and knowledge to meet AC Transit strategic objectives.

Innovation

Foster a culture of adopting technologies and models, leveraging thought leadership, best practices, and industryleading trends.



COVID-19 => IT in Spotlight!

Acceleration in Connectivity, Cloud, Resiliency, Automation, and Data

- ✓ IT is recognized as an essential services
- ✓ WFH is becoming a norm many public sector employees are telecommuting.
- ✓ Technology adoption is at the highest
- ✓ Disaster Recovery is becoming a business priority
- ✓ Cybersecurity is no more IT risk
- ✓ Cloud is being accepted for all collaboration



COVID-19 WFH Response

- Procured and Rolled out 100 new laptops in 6 weeks to support offsite workforce. 100 more on the way
- Implemented Remote Administration Tools to efficiently support remote users outside of District Network
- Created Detailed Documentation to educate remote staff on VPN, Cloud, Resource Access, and Security
- Increased collaboration licenses and features to accommodate online collaboration needs
- Adopting Digital Signatures to streamline and automate workflows
- Implementing Veoci Emergency Response Management to Modernize and Standardize the Emergency Operations Center

Cybersecurity Risks and Initiatives

- Build Threat & Vulnerability Assessment (TVA) program
- Strengthen & Enhance Email Security
- Strengthen and Enhance Public Key Infrastructure (PKI)
- Develop Cloud access security broker (CASB) capability
- Multi Factor Authentication Enhance Secure Remote Access
- Division Firewalls Enhance security between GO & Divisions
- Build Managed Detection & Response (MDR) 24x7 realtime monitoring with incident triage, assessment, escalation and response support



Enterprise Applications and Data Management

- PeopleSoft Upgrade
- Fluid User Interface and Approval Workflow Engine Implementation
- Advanced Procurement Tools Implementation
 - Strategic Sourcing for Vendor and Bid management
 - Supplier Contract Module
- COVID19 Time & Labor Rules Development
- PS Hosting & Managed Services Contract Procurement



Infrastructure Resiliency

- Redundancy and Resiliency in Internet connectivity at GO and each Division, with an increase in speed
- Private Cloud to host critical business applications and integrate with Public Cloud for operability and fault tolerance
- Leveraging Public Cloud storage for all File storage needs
- Switched all District mobile phones to FirstNet for priority service during an emergency
- Planning to roll out FirstNet Push-to-Talk phone to all our buses to provide full redundancy
- Upgrading our desk phone system, telephone equipment, telecommunication trunks, and soft phone capability



Website, Mobile Ticketing, and Mobile App

Website

- Design Phases Completed
- Migrating Content from Current Site to New Site
- Edit and Vet New Site Content
- Targeted Launch August 2020
- Mobile Ticketing
 - Beta Testing is complete, pending Operator Training
- Mobile App
 - Finds Bus Stops and Information Via a Map
 - Allows Users to Submit Feedback and Lost and Found Tickets
 - Beta Testing Targeted for 2 Months after the Shelter-in-Place Order is lifted
 - Will include Trip Planner and Token Transit Mobile Pay



BRT Technology Systems

- Fiber Optic Network
 - Interagency Connectivity
 - Dark Fiber
- Ticket Vending Machines
- Variable Message Signs
- Clipper Card Reader
- Platform Security Camera System
- Traffic Signal Priority System
- Forward Facing Cameras
 - On BRT Buses for Lane Enforcement



CAD/AVL System

Accomplished

- Implemented EAP Signup
- Installed Fully Functional Backup OCC
- Hardware Refresh in Las Vegas and Austin
- Failover Testing

Outstanding

- System Acceptance Phase I 8/1/20
- Turn By Turn Directions
 8/31/20
- Secure Bus Technology 6/30/21
- Advanced HATUS Integration 6/30/21



HASTUS Daily

Replacing Bus "Operator Time Keeping System" (OTS) by April 2021



- Schedule and resource committments from Finance, IT and Transportation Executive Sponsors
- 90% of application is tested and accepted
- Vendor support and technical assistance
- Hardware (Server), workstation upgrades for software performance

Testing

- Software testing at D4 Only
- Test and accept data exchange with PeopleSoft FIN
- Test and accept data exchange with the Enterprise Database for Vehicle and Employee Interfaces

Deployment

- Ongoing training with Dispatchers, TimeKeepers, and Payroll
- Add Divisions based on project plan
- Resolve testing punchlist Items
- OTS used only as a back-up system



Conclusion

- IT has been recognized as an essential services across the industry
- Various IT systems are becoming mission critical to keep our Service
- A solid IT Strategic Plan is critical to the District success
- Cybersecurity has never been that important before
- Recommend an annual update on Critical IT Projects to the Board

